

Attend the L. O. B. A. Anniversary Dance Wednesday, March 17th

Session of the Village Council

The first meeting of the Irma village council was held in the village office on Monday, March 1, at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Clifford Jones subscribed to the oath of office and took his seat. Councillors Hutchinson and Symington were present.

Jones—That Mr. Symington be mayor for 1948.

Hutchinson—That Mr. C. Jones be deputy mayor for the first six months 1948.

Jones—That Mr. Hutchinson be deputy mayor for the second six months 1948.

Hutchinson—That minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as read.

By-law 145 appointing A. C. Charter as secretary-treasurer and assessor, subject to the approval of the minister of municipal affairs, for the year 1948, passed first reading on the motion of Mr. Hutchinson; second reading on motion of Mr. Jones; third and final reading on motion of Mr. Symington.

Appointment of health officer and pound keeper deferred.

Hutchinson—That mayor and secretary-treasurer be authorized to sign bank form L.F.22 for the Village of Irma.

Hutchinson—That the regular meetings be held the second Thursday in every month.

Hutchinson—That subject to the approval of the minister of municipal affairs that Messrs. Patrician, Duncan, McClary, McClary and King, Edmonton, be appointed auditors for 1948.

Mr. H. C. Rodewald presented a complaint regarding snow being deposited on his property from the skating rink.

Jones—That application of Mr. Ed. Sharkey Jr. for drayman's license be approved.

Hutchinson—That drayman's license issued to Mr. S. A. Inkin be revoked and license fee of \$5.00 be refunded.

Hutchinson—That mayor and secretary be given authority to extend the contract of L. R. Jones as night watchman and rink caretaker if necessary.

Hutchinson—That O. A. Lovig be asked to attend the next council meeting regarding his lot on second avenue east.

Hutchinson—That minutes of all council meetings be inserted in the Irma Times.

Among various items discussed and deferred for future action were sidewalks, roads, garbage collection and regulation of minister of health regarding nuisance grounds.

Financial statement presented. Municipal balance \$3711.89, cash on hand \$34.07, agriculture trust \$392.81, cemetery trust \$87.02.

Hutchinson—That the financial statement be accepted and the following bills paid:

A. C. Charter, Salary Feb. \$ 60.00

L. R. Jones, rink and w'man 125.00

J. Osted, council meet. Feb. 2.00

C. Anoulet, fuel oil Feb 13-21 21.96

Irma Garage, supplies rink 1.35

Imperial Lbr. Co., coal 20.15

rest room 20.15

Rink supplies 11.80

Rink coal 19.05

Supplies pub works 3.40

J. Nephew, snow removal 4.50

J. Hedley, hall rent 47-48 6.00

S. A. Inkin, license refund 5.00

Fire equipment examined and found in good order.

Hutchinson—That meeting adjourn.

A. C. Charter, sec-treas.

In regards to Friday's blizzard mere words are somewhat inadequate. Also we have no official statistics about the wear and tear on shovels and citizens during the days following but the various streets and walks bear witness to the heroic work excavation carried on. No doubt there are some aching backs, too.

The Women's Missionary Society a drive for old clothing for Korea and Japan where the need is great. Any interested party may leave any donation large or small with either Mrs. Reeds or Mrs. K. Coffin. All such will be gratefully received.

Easterly Echoes

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Dootson on March 2 at the Wainwright hospital, a daughter.

Friday last was a crucial day in the life of school children. The blizzard had piled such huge snowdrifts on the highway. Parents wondered "will the children get home tonight?" Four o'clock came and so did the word that four Irma stalwarts had manned the snow shovels to assist the trusty driver. The children arrived home safe and sound. Our thanks go to these men: Messrs. C. Savard, A. Knudson, E. Sharkey and C. Jones as well as W. Symington.

The Battle River W.I. meets at the home of Mrs. M. Enger on March 9, at 2:30. The roll call to be answered by: An embarrassing moment. Program by Mrs. G. Fenton, draw Mrs. T. Sanders, and hostesses will be Mrs. A. McFarland and Mrs. Ralph King.

Card party and dance at Crescent Hill on March 5.

WITH THE FIELD SUPERVISOR

By F. W. Maddez

Warble Fly Campaign

Again it is time to start organizing the warble fly spraying service in the municipal district of Wainwright. This service is a continuation of the service established and operated during the spring of 1947 with the power spraying unit purchased by the M.D.

Some 6,000 head of cattle were sprayed last spring with very satisfactory results reported. It is hoped that at least double the number may be sprayed this spring. Two power units were operated in the districts organized by the agricultural service board, and those districts will receive first consideration this year.

It was found that over 100 head of cattle could be sprayed per hour under favorable conditions, and if the cattle can be grouped together into large herds of approximately 100 head or over we are able to spray up to 600 head or over per day. Small herds take up extra time and thus slow down the service. The ideal conditions are to have central spraying pens located close to the main roads, so that a number of farmers can group their cattle together for spraying. These central spraying pens can also be used for vaccinating heifer calves against Bang's disease in the fall. All that is needed for spraying is a holding pen and a narrow chute that will hold five head or more. Spraying has to be done from above.

It is hoped that spraying will get under way as soon as after March 15 as possible, providing roads and weather conditions permit. At least two sprayings are required about two weeks apart. It is also necessary that spraying be completed before the farmers commence work on the land and the cattle are turned out to pasture.

I would suggest that any cattle, such as milk cows, that are kept in the stable, be treated by hand the first time, as a number of warbles are showing up now and there is a danger the warbles may drop in the near future and reinfest the herd for another year.

Anybody wishing their cattle sprayed this spring are asked to contact this office as soon as possible in order that their name may be put on the list, and the organization completed in the various districts.

Save-the-Soil Campaign

I am pleased to report that I have received a few applications to the "Save-the-Soil" Campaign to be run in the M.D. of Wainwright during 1948. Don't delay too long getting your application in, and if you didn't receive a form in the financial statement, we have extra forms on hand that may be had by writing or dropping in at the office. The rules and regulations of the campaign will be published in an early edition of your local paper.

Last call for the Irma Children's Carnival sponsored by the Board of Trade, for Saturday afternoon, March 6th. Everyone come along and make it an enjoyable afternoon.

Irma Advances to Hockey Play Offs

(too late for last week)

Clean, fast play was featured in Wednesday night's Gas Line League playoff game between Irma and Viking at Irma.

Glasgow opened the scoring after five minutes of play in the first frame on a goal from Montjoy. Viking retaliated in less than a minute when Selzer and Wentstob teamed up to make the tying marker; there victory was short-lived because before the period ended Glasgow again blinked the light to make it 2-1.

Two minutes after the start of the second period, Kelly got a goal from Smith to tie the game up again. At the seven minute mark Jones from McFarland put the local team in the lead. Near the end of the period Symington from McFarland made it 4-2 then Jones from Symington closed out the frame at 5-2.

Most of the third stanza belonged to Irma and increased their lead on goals by McFarland from Jones. Glasgow on a solo effort and Jones from a face-off to make it 9-2. Smith and Haire teamed up for Viking to make the final score 9-3.

This was the first of a two game total series between these two teams with the winners advancing into the finals against the winners of the Tofteld-Holten series for the cup.

IRMA 7, VIKING 3

The Irma Senior hockey team earned the right to advance into the finals of the Gas Line Hockey League play-offs by defeating Viking 7-3 in their second game of a home and home series. They took the first game 9-3 and the win in Viking gave them the series 18-6. They now play off with the winner of the Tofteld-Holten series in a three out five competition for the supremacy of League and the Gas Line Hockey League cup at present held by Irma.

Watch for posters announcing "lay-off" games and "Boost Local Sport" by attending.

LADIES AID TO HOLD FRIENDSHIP MEETING

The Friendship Meeting of the Ladies Aid will be held at Mrs. McFarland's on Thursday, March 11th at 3 p.m. As this is the Annual Friendship meeting all friends of the Ladies Aid are cordially invited to attend. Hostesses, Mrs. Guitner, Mrs. R. Smith and Mrs. Milne. Devotional, Mrs. Long. Topic, Mrs. Targett.

While Friday's storm was at its height our old friend Mrs. A. E. Blakely arrived on the flyer from the West coast. She finds our climate is very bracing and has lost none of its pep since the days when she lived south of town.

Glen-Coa Gleanings

We have been snowed in and blowed in, thus news of the district is meagre indeed. There are rumors of newly-plowed roads being blowing drifts again, of tractors becoming stuck and shovels coming to aid them.

Sharon Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. M. I. Reitan on March 11. We certainly hope the roads and weather may be more favorable by that time.

Northern Nuggets

We are sorry to report that Mr. David Currie is a patient in the University hospital.

Friends of the former Mary Currie will be interested to learn that her husband, Mr. Ronald Clark, has been sent to Cambridge Bay. He is employed with the Weather Bureau. Maybe he's the one to blame for all this snow.

Mrs. Clidell has been in poor health lately. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The small sons of Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ramsay, while their parents were in the city.

Attention Farmers

The regular monthly meeting of the Irma AFU local will be held in the high school on Tuesday evening, March 9, at 8:30 p.m. sharp. The main item on the agenda will be the questions of amalgamation with the other farm bodies in the province. The secretary has already received the ballots and a vote will be taken in order to ascertain the percentage of our membership in favour of amalgamation. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote, so say up your 1948 dues and cast your ballot on this important question. Everybody welcome. Anything which effects Canada affects Agriculture.

W.C.T.U. MEETING

The W.C.T.U. held its second meeting for the month of February last Saturday afternoon.

A pretty and impressive initiation service entered three new members into the Union. This brings the number of members to seventeen, a heartening item for this local which has espoused the cause in relation to which Frances Willard stated at the first convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, 1874, "our cause is and will be combated by mighty, determined and resolute forces."

A highlight of the afternoon's program was the reading of a newly published poem written by Mrs. Mrs. A. E. Cook, of Edmonton—an earnest prayer for the church to have more vigorous action against the liquor traffic.

Date for next meeting, Saturday afternoon, March 6. N.V.P.

BOARD OF TRADE CARNIVAL

The Irma and District Board of Trade wish to announce that the postponed skating and fancy dress carnival will be held March 6th at the Irma Skating rink, weather permitting.

This carnival is being sponsored and supervised by your own Board of Trade and is free to everyone. The prizes are provided by the Board of Trade and we especially invite the children and young people to compete in the many different fancy and comic competitions. There will be music and every effort will be made to have good ice.

The Irma and District Board of Trade extend a very sincere and warm invitation to you and yours. Come and mingle one with another and enjoy the carnival.

NOTICE

VILLAGE OF IRMA

Owners of dogs are reminded that dog licenses for 1948 are now due, and should be procured before March 15th, 1948.

Legion Meeting

LEGION MEETING POSTPONED

Owing to climatic conditions the Legion meeting has been postponed one week and will be held on March 9, at 8:30 p.m. Full membership requested. Large business program. Lunch to be served.



STEWART WRIGHT
of Hughenden, C.C.F. Candidate
for Wainwright

OIL—OIL—OIL

The price of oil in Alberta is amongst the highest in Canada. Oil exists as close to you in Alberta as in any other part of Canada. About one mile away, straight down.

The following is the policy of the C.C.F. regarding oil:

On every field where oil in productive quantities has been discovered, the government will reserve, or re-acquire, check-boarded areas at least equal to those leased to private individuals or corporations, to be developed by public enterprise.

Out of the revenue derived from the operation of public owned oil wells, there shall be set aside a reserve fund for the conduct of exploratory activities in the province.

Whenever in the opinion of a C.C.F. government, reserves for exploratory purposes are sufficient to warrant such action, all exploration in the province will be limited to the government authority. Royalties now paid by private individuals or corporations on oil produced from crown lands to be substantially increased.

For the protection of owners of surface rights, in the coal of each quarter section of which a well or wells are drilled, the farmer should, in lieu of acceptance of an arbitrated award for damage to his land, have the option of selling his land, to the holder of the oil or natural gas rights on a basis of appraisal value, plus fifty percent thereof for severance, plus one-third thereof for compulsory taking.

At the Churches

IRMA UNITED CHURCH
Sunday school—11 a.m.
Worship service—7:30 p.m.
Subject—"The Cross and Human Experience."
The Rev. H. W. Inglis will be in charge.
A hearty invitation to all.
"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Eph. 2:13.

IRMA GOSPEL MISSION
11 a.m.—S. School and Bible Class.
8 p.m., Hedley's Hall—evening service.
Topic—"Why God Will Judge the Nations of Today."
We welcome you to all our meetings. Come and bring a friend.
Pastor—Geo. E. Warnock.
"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1.

Mixed Bonselpiel

The Mixed Bonselpiel was brought to a close on Thursday of last week.

The first and second prizes in each event were as follows:

Grand Challenge; C. Smallwood 1st, J. C. McLean 2nd.

Citizens; W. Frickleton 1st, C. Archibald 2nd.

Consolation; R. Smith 1st, I. S. Reeds 2nd.

The personnel of the winning rinks were as follows; C. Smallwood, J. Bars, Mrs. Smallwood, H. Bars, J. C. McLean, G. Fenton, J. C. Sivard, Mrs. Fischer, W. Frickleton, C. Anquist, Shirley Enger, Malcolm Frickleton, C. Archibald, L. Bars, R. Johnson, Mrs. Archibald, R. Smith, D. Gunn, A. Elliot, Evelyn Prior, I. S. Reeds, K. Coffin, Carl Sonett Jr., Mrs. D. Gunn.

CURLERS HOLD ANNUAL PARTY

The Irma Curling Club held its annual party in Hedley's hall on the evening of Monday, March 1. Owing to road conditions most of the country curlers were unable to attend. But those who did had a jolly time.

The early part of the evening was taken up with military whist and four tables "skipped" by Messrs. R. Smith, H. Riley, S. Brown and C. Archibald tied for first prize. After a lady from each table cut cards to decide the winner, the prize was then given to Bob Smith's table. R. McFarland Jr.'s table was given the consolation prize.

Following a sing-song, lunch was served by the lady curlers who can always be depended on to come through with that part of the entertainment.

After lunch the bonselpiel prizes were given out by the club president, Mr. Pryce Jones, and speeches were made by the winning skips and various curling officials.

The long awaited draw was made to see who would be the owner of the pig donated by Mr. C. Archibald. The name drawn was that of Mr. M. B. Van Dusen of Mannville. Irma curlers remember Mr. Van Dusen as third man on the McKinnon rink which won the grand challenge in the open bonselpiel held earlier this year.

Plans for the Ladies Aid Variety concert are still going ahead with the date set for March 10th.

Eyes Examined

G. F. WILLOUGHBY

Optometrist

formerly with

Easton's Optical Department

Edmonton

Will be in

WAINWRIGHT, MAR. 13

Appointments at

Walker's Jewelry Store



THE WORK OF MERCY NEVER ENDS...

M. D. of Flagstaff Ratepayers Hear Reports for 1947 at Annual Meeting

Minutes of Annual Meeting held 21st Feb. 1948, K. P. Hall Sedgewick.

The Returning Officer, Mr. K. Oberg, opened the meeting at 1 p.m. Mr. Jack Gair was elected to the Chair and Mr. C. J. Brown was asked to take the minutes of the meeting.

The Reeve, Mr. C. P. Hayes was then asked to give a report of the activities of the Council for the previous year. The District had spent \$179,983.39 on Public Works with the following results:

109 miles of elevated road.

66 miles of gravelled road.

The average cost per mile for the elevated road was \$820.00 per mile, and for a mile of gravelled road \$454.00 approximately. One must also remember that road maintaining, orish cutting and motor grader work is included in the above figures.

In 1947 new machinery was purchased to the amount of approximately \$25,000.00. This included a D.7 Tractor and Dozer and an 8-11 yard bucket. The working of this unit had been very successful, although delivered late in the Fall of the year. There were two snow clearing plows mounted on motor graders and the operators were doing their best to keep the roads open with this equipment. The main job was to keep the roads between villages open. In addition the Municipal District had placed an order for a complete graveling outfit to be delivered this year at a cost of approximately \$26,000.00. There were so many roads now fit to be gravelled that this outfit appeared as a necessity.

In the four years that the Municipal District had been functioning a little over \$493,000.00 had been spent on road building or an average of around \$123,000.00 yearly. The Council had kept strict account of all monies spent by each Division. The main plan of joining all villages with elevated and gravelled roads is now nearing completion.

We were fortunate in receiving a grant of \$40,000.00 for last year, for this much credit must be given to Mr. A. E. Fee of Killam.

It might be of interest to show what fraction of each dollar was spent on the different services:

Administration—3.13 cents.
Protection to Persons and Property—44
Public Works—39.60
Health Scheme—11.89
Public Welfare—2.39
Education—34.05
Debt Charges—2.90
Capital Expenditure—5.60.

The Reeve then explained the difference in the cash position as compared with the previous year. Bonds in the amount of \$25,600.00 were cashed to purchase heavy machinery, and where previously the District held \$51,000.00 in cash this balance had dropped to \$40,000.00.

Collections on taxes were good for the year, approximately \$335,000.00 was collected. This amount of money is slightly less than the current taxes—3% of the current levy was collected and the balance came from collections of arrears of taxes. The Municipal District had dipped into the surplus reserves and these were becoming depleted. This could not go on indefinitely and there was only one method to offset the heavy expenditures that was to raise the mill rates to take care of current expenditures. In his opinion, the Municipal District would be in a good position when it held approximately 50% of the current taxes in cash as a reserve.

He pointed out to the audience that collections resulted from good crops throughout the district. If a council guesses right and collections meet the expenditures, then financial matters will proceed smoothly for the municipal district. If it guesses wrong, and there are no collections resulting from poor crops, then just the opposite would result.

The Health Scheme, as may be seen from the list, cost the District 11.89 cents out of every dollar. The scheme at the present time was not quite self-supporting and probably the mill rates to cover same would have to be raised. At present, a committee of the council was contacting hospitals as the hospitals had reported that the per diem rates were not sufficient and that they were going behind in their financing.

During 1947 it may be of interest to see the following statistics with regard to the three hospitals: there

were 1,465 patients treated for a total of 10,365 patient days, 105 major operations and 393 minor operations performed. 460 x-rays were given, there were 191 births and 30 deaths during the year.

Education is still a heavy item of expenditure to ratepayers. The audience will notice that it takes 34 cents out of each dollar spent. There was every indication that school costs for 1948 would be considerably higher. This statement was substantiated by the chairman of the school board who was present.

The administration of your municipal district takes 3.13 cents out of every dollar. Public welfare includes Old Age Pensions, Mothers' Allowance, Grants, etc., and takes 2.39 cents from each dollar. The Reeve stated that there would be many points in his talk which the audience would wish to discuss.

Mr. Probst suggested that it would be better for the audience to outline policies for the coming year for the council than to spend all the time criticizing the financial statement. With this suggestion the chairman was in full agreement.

The meeting was then thrown open for discussion. The first item discussed was the snow plow. There were varied opinions on plows and the running of the snow plow. Most ratepayers thought that a double shift should be maintained on the running of these machines so that the utmost efficiency could be obtained from the machinery.

It was moved and carried that the council should arrange to have a double shift worked on the snow plows and also on the motor graders throughout the working months.

The school representatives complained that snow plows could not keep the school bus routes open all the time. Mr. E. Oberg stated that if ratepayers wanted or expected roads to be kept open during the winter, then the M.D. must acquire much more machinery than they had at present.

Mr. Drever spoke of the possibility of putting snow fences along the stretches of road that were known to be blocked with snow each winter. This statement was emphasized by L. McShane. The chairman thought the idea was good but pointed out that the provincial government had been unable to purchase any snow fences and it was practically impossible to obtain any at the present time.

It was suggested that a snow plow attachment to fit any tractor should be purchased so that ratepayers with a suitable tractor can help keep the roads open. This motion was moved and carried.

Various speakers stressed the point that there should be one authority only in charge of snow plows and all the heavy machinery.

There was some discussion on the medical scheme. The Reeve stated that the council was taking steps to put in a card system. On each card would be put the number in a family and which doctor the family would prefer to have. According to the number of cards signed for each doctor, the money would be pro-rated in this amount. Mr. Hayes said that several times the doctors had been asked to submit lists of how many patients each treated in a year, but so far these lists had not been forthcoming.

It was moved and carried that the card system for medical services as outlined by the council should be endorsed by this meeting.

The Reeve stated that he hoped that in the future all villages in Flagstaff would be embraced by the scheme. The scheme had already been enlarged to include retired farmers, if the scheme were enlarged further to take in another category of people, it would almost certainly be necessary to raise the mill rate.

Mr. Left Osback asked the chairman what the additional cost would be if the ratepayers in the Viking municipal hospital district came under our medical scheme. Mr. Hayes said that there would have to be a small increase in the amount of taxes to take care of the \$1.00 charged.

Mention was made of the Blue Cross medical scheme and pre-paid medical service, whereby one pays in advance for services to be rendered.

Mr. Colvin stated that the drawback of the government scheme now before the House was that it was a scheme drawn up by the doctors themselves and the man-

True reports on the works of the Red Cross by leading Canadian writers

The case of the 7 strangers

by Claire Wallace

There is a man in Canada who has the blood of seven total strangers in his veins. Maybe you winced at that idea. He doesn't. Without it, he would be dead.

Two years ago he was seriously injured in a crash. He received desperate head injuries, and a delicate operation was imperative. But shock and loss of blood had so weakened him that he couldn't have survived one. If... seven strangers had not stepped in.

They were Canadian men and women who had each given a blood donation to the Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service. When the doctors called for blood to save the life of the accident victim, it was the blood of those seven which pulled him through.

"Were you one of them?" Today, he is a healthy, happy, useful citizen of Victoria, British Columbia. The only thing that marks him as different from the average man is a rather searching look that sometimes comes into his eyes as he walks along the street. For he often thinks of the seven who saved his life and wonders

Red Cross Services include: Blood Transfusion, Outpost Hospitals, Aid to Sick and Disabled Veterans, Treatment for Crippled Children, Disaster Relief, Nutrition Services, Home Nursing Courses, Swimming and Water Safety, etc.

who they are. As he looks into a stranger's face, he silently asks: "Were you one of them? If so, I thank you from my heart."

Similarly, the mother who gave birth to twins and would have died except for blood transfusions... the baby so anaemic at birth he could be kept alive only by donated blood... the maimed... the sick... the old—all those who owe their lives to blood transfusions say: "Thanks, unknown friend."

Free blood for Canadian hospitals

The Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service plans, as soon as possible, to extend whole blood and plasma free to all patients needing it, in hospitals across Canada. Already, two provinces—British Columbia and Alberta—provide this life-saving service. Last year, Alberta and British Columbia distributed 21,044 bottles of whole blood and 2,364 bottles of plasma, resulting in the saving of many lives.

But it takes money as well as blood to save these lives. Remember this, as the Canadian Red Cross appeals to you now for funds. Give generously. A life may depend upon your donation.

The work of mercy never ends... Give generously to the CANADIAN RED CROSS

Irma Committee: Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Targett

When a fella loses his shirt...

That's when a man is really down. A fellow risks everything else before he parts with his shirt. That goes last. He values it too much.

The expression *lose your shirt* is used for good reasons. A good cotton shirt is something to cherish. The same amount of money could buy nothing of similar quality.

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T.B. QUESTIONS
ANSWERED BY THE
ALBERTA TUBERCULOSIS
ASSOCIATION
EDITED BY F. H. HEND, M.D.
National Tuberculosis Assoc.

Q. Does pulmonary tuberculosis always become arrested following surgical treatment?

A. Surgical treatment, aiming for the diminution of the size of the lung and its consequent resting, if satisfactorily carried on, unquestionably assists in arresting pulmonary tuberculosis. Like all remedies, it at times is a failure.

Q. In tuberculosis what per cent of surgical collapse is successful?

A. If by this is meant collapse of the lung such as follows thoracoplasty, the success of the operation would depend entirely upon the stage of the disease in the operated lung and the condition of the other lung. Generally speaking, about one-third are apparently cured. Probably another third are definitely improved.

If Prime Minister King, president Truman, Joe Stalin, prime minister Attlee, Secretary Marshall, Franco, Molotov, and the new Czechoslovak minister Gottwald could get into a curling game, probably a lot of the problems now confronting this worried world would be solved without any more rumors of war. Curling is a great game for getting acquainted with the other fellows you seldom meet in any other way.

"You can't have an A1 Christian world with C3 Christian men." —Rev. F. Williams.

"The highest ideal of mankind is peace." —Miss Margaret Hyndman, K.C.



C. E. Jefferson (top left), general manager, C.P.R.; H. W. Gillis (top right), freight traffic managers, and G. F. Buckingham (bottom right), freight traffic managers.

Read the Ads in the Times



What's the Good of UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE?

\$87,500,000 was paid from the Unemployment Insurance fund to unemployed Canadians from September 1, 1945, to October 31, 1947.

\$31,000,000 was contributed to this fund by the Government of Canada.

500,000 individual unemployed workers and their dependants benefited from these payments.

In many cases had payments not been available the unemployed would have suffered want!

What's the good of Unemployment Insurance?—Can there be any doubt!

Unemployment Insurance helps the employer by providing unemployed with purchasing power; and helps the worker by providing maintenance allowances during unemployment. Employer and Employee and the Government all have an interest—Unemployment Insurance is a large factor in a healthy National Economy.

Make full use of your local office of the National Employment Service.



Department of Labour

HUMPHREY MITCHELL, Minister of Labour
A. MacNAMARA, Deputy Minister

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If you are satisfied to sell it to the Wheat Board at a controlled price, about one-half of what you would now get for it on a free and open market, well and good.

But if you want to sell your wheat on a free and open market and get a much higher price than the Wheat Board pays, why should the Government stop you?

Freedom of choice should be yours as to when, where, to whom and at what price you shall sell. Do you have it now?

Why should prairie wheat growers be compelled to pay the whole cost of subsidizing cheap wheat for Britain as well as cheap wheat for home consumption? These subsidies should be paid by the Government, that is by all the people and not loaded on to wheat growers alone.

You are compelled to pay top prices for everything you buy. Why not then demand top prices for your wheat?

We repeat—if some farmers are satisfied with a low price for their wheat, why should they and their lenders stop you from getting high prices for yours?

Do you realize how you are now controlled and regulated by the Canadian Wheat Board Act and its Amendments? If you don't, send at once for the pamphlet which gives you the facts.

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FULL NAME (Print in block letters)

FULL ADDRESS

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Arrive Edmonton at 1:00 p.m.
Leave Edmonton at 4:15 p.m.
Arrive Irma at 8:30 p.m.
Full information from local agent

Sunburst MOTOR COACHES

Farm For Sale

TENDERS marked 44548 addressed to the Clerk of the Session Court, Court House, Calgary, Alberta, will be received up to 11 o'clock in the forenoon of the 2nd day of March, 1948, for the purchase of:

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of 15-46-9-W4th Mer. containing 320 acres more or less.

Location: 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Irma, Alberta.

Soil: 80 acres arable. 260 acres scrub or small wood or good for pasture and hay only.

Buildings: Nil.

Fencing: 1 mile—2 miles partly.

Terms of Sale: 5% with tender; 20% on acceptance of tender; 25% in one year; 25% in two years and 25% in three years from the date of acceptance of offer, with interest at 6% per annum, or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

Envelope to be marked "Tender".

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DATED at Calgary, Alberta, this 8th day of December, 1947.

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By DR. F. J. GREANEY,
Director,
Line Elevators Farm Service,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Case for Seed Treatment

The kind of crop Western Canada is going to harvest in 1948 depends in no small measure on what kind of seed farmers plant this Spring. Farmers should not only be interested in the quality and purity of the seed they sow in 1948 but also in its freedom from disease.

Seed Treatment Needed. During the last few years Line Elevators Farm Service has examined thousands of farmers' seed samples of wheat, oats, barley and flax. These extensive seed tests have clearly indicated that a very large proportion of the seed-grain that is sown each year in Western Canada carries disease-producing organisms, or is damaged by weathering or threshing, in sufficient amount to make seed treatment positively necessary. Therefore, the best advice we can give to a farmer is this: Take no chances! Unless you know your seed is undamaged and free of smut and other diseases, treat it.

Seed-Treating Methods. The seed disinfectants (fungicides) recommended for the control of surface-borne smut and other seed-borne diseases of wheat, oats and barley, and for the treatment of flax, are the organic mercury dusts (Ceresan, Leytosan, etc.). For small grain crops the rate of application is $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce per bushel of seed; for flax, the rate is $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce per bushel. Seed of these crops can be safely stored months before it is needed for sowing. It is important, however, to store such treated seed in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. For best results, wheat seed should be treated at least 24 hours before planting. On the other hand, the seed of oats, barley and flax should be treated at least 7 days before it is sown.

Remember that the organic mercury dusts are poisonous. The precautions given by the manufacturer should be strictly observed. Seed treated with an organic mercury dust should not be used for food purposes, or fed to livestock.

For further information on seed treatment consult your local Agricultural Representative, or write to Line Elevators Farm Service, Winnipeg.

It's a poor day in any government when some member can't think up some new sort of tax to good start Monday evening and

In the Legislature

by Wm. Masson
The second week of the Session saw a continuation of the debate on the Speech from the Throne, with many members on both sides of the House taking part.

Edith C. E. Gerhart, Minister of Municipal Affairs, indicated that the Alberta Government will prepare a City Act which will cover all Alberta cities and replace the existing seven City Charters, all of which are different. This will provide uniformity of city charters for Alberta cities. The Departments of the Attorney General and Municipal Affairs, assisted by the cities involved, will prepare the legislation. Mr. Gerhart indicated that the cities today have wealth 8 million dollars in excess of what their assets were a year ago. At the same time, the city expenditures in dollars have been higher than in the past, but the actual rate of taxation has been lowered in some cases, and there has been no substantial rise in any city of Alberta. The old rates on new wealth still provide sufficient money to cover all of the costs. The city centres of largest population have been denied hospitalization at a dollar-a-day rate. During the same period of time, in the rural municipalities, the rate of our taxation has exceeded the rate of increase in new wealth. The rate of taxation in the rural municipalities has kept an upward pace with the rising costs of living while it has provided municipal hospitalization. City residents are still paying hospital deficits through taxation, and yet do not get the benefits of a dollar-a-day hospitalization. The Government urges city ratepayers to request a plebiscite in which they can indicate their desire to have municipal hospital rates in Alberta changed.

Many members, including H. E. DeBolt and Gordon Taylor, urged the keeping of natural gas in Alberta and inviting industry to come to Alberta to use it. An enquiry will be made by the Government into the matter of supply and needs, for the purpose of seeing that the supply is always adequate to meet the Provincial needs.

Mr. Ira McLaughlin contended that an austerity programme was not linked to prosperity, and that "eat less and work more" was not a desirable slogan for Canadian people.

A motion was introduced into the House from the Opposition side, requesting a branch of the University of Alberta to be established at Calgary, this motion was defeated. The request was turned down by the Government because the present costs of the University of Alberta have reached such a high figure that present circumstances do not warrant increasing this expenditure by the consideration of another branch of the University. It was felt that the future will hold the need for such a branch but that we have, for the present, reached the peak of enrolment at the University. When conditions reach normal the Government is prepared to consider the Calgary branch on its own merits. It is felt that the Province is better to have one superior University than two poorer ones.

Figures were given in the House that more than 22,000 miles of road were graded or gravelled or other work done on them on the main highways of Alberta last year. There has been 182 miles of work done on the Grimsby road since last Session, and more than 4,400 miles of highways have been maintained. Two hundred and thirty bridges, wood and steel, have been built or repaired, including the new bridge at Red Deer. The Government contributed, during that time, nearly two million dollars to Municipalities and Local Improvement Districts, where more than 10,000 miles of road work have been done in the past year. Debates also brought out that the number of wells producing oil in Alberta in 1935 was 100; today it is 484. The number of wells producing gas in 1935 was 84, and today it is 235.

The Department of Lands and Mines was urged to lend every assistance in the establishment of pulp mills in this Province, and the House was assured that this matter was being given every assistance.

"One or two drinks and a minor loses all sense of perspective."—Magistrate Sauve.

"The church is not a dispenser of religious therapeutics."—Rev. Logan-Veneta.

Items From Kinsella District

A large representative of the Kinsella community attended the Community League Meeting last Wednesday, when it was decided to build a Memorial Hall.

Visitors to Edmonton to take in the ice carnival were, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murray and Mr. T. Skod. Mr. B. C. Carpenter spent a few days in Edmonton last week, at the Stock Breeder's Convention.

Mr. O. Olsenberg was also a visitor to the city last week. The Ladies Aid will hold their monthly meeting in the church on Thursday, March 4th at 2:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilkinson and daughter, Jacqueline, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson at Tofteld.

Mr. Bruce Davis, Shirley and Murray were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis of Bruce.

VIKING ITEMS

The local talent, winner of the Inter-high trophy succumbed the mighty all-star club from highway 13 under the colors of Central High by a terrific margin of 5 to 1. Fury and lightning under the guise of rugged body-checking and swift back-checking accompanied the first period. At 14:45, Corkery, under the blue and gold of Central High beat Westcott, cat-like cage keeper for the local boys for the first tally of the game. Then at 17:00 Ross, intercepting a three way pass from Lundahl and Hardy, evened the count for the local talent. A 1-1 deadlock ended the fast and furious first period.

We are not discounting the sentiment connected with flowers at funerals, but the habit of giving to worthy causes as memorials to friends who have passed on is one that people in this community have taken to heart and is well worth emulating. It helps these worthy causes and is a tribute to the kindness and thoughtfulness of our citizens as a whole.

A blizzard swept through this part of the province starting Friday evening and blocked the highways and roads with high drifts of snow. Bus and motor traffic was out of the question on Saturday as the storm raged and trains ran hours late. Citizens found themselves snowed in, and on Main Street the drifts were several feet high in spots. By Sunday, snow plows had cleared the highways and traffic resumed its usual pace. The temperature during the storm ranged from 15 below to 15 above zero. This is the kind of weather eastern Canada, Minnesota and other northern states have been experiencing all winter while Alberta has basked under sunny skies and comparatively high temperatures since the beginning of December last year. But March came in like a lion in these parts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hilliker left Tuesday morning for Edmonton to be in attendance at the convention of the Metro Wholesale Limited, of which Ken is a director.

Miss Jean Iverson a Royal Alexandra graduate, has joined the Nursing staff at the Viking hospital.

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Mrs. A. C. Charter is a visitor in Edmonton this week.

Mrs. A. Enger is attending the W.M.S. Conference in Calgary.

The L.O.B.A. are sponsoring an Anniversary Dance on March 17th, not March 19th as was published last week.

Mrs. Frickleton Sr. is visiting at the home of her son, W. N. Frickleton.

Mrs. Clelland is a visitor in Edmonton just now. We understand that she plans a trip East before returning to her home at Irma.

Among those who enjoyed the ice carnival in Edmonton were Mr. and Mrs. V. Hutchinson and Mrs. Darks. A number of others who planned to attend were held back by roads and weather.

An interesting thing occurred during the Mixed Bonuspiel. At the end of the 10th. end in a game played between rinks skipped by Bob Smith and Bob Kirkman a rock belonging to each was sitting a few inches on either side of the centre. The space between each and the middle point was so exact that even a set square was unable to detect so much as the 16th of an inch difference and a verdict of "no score" had to be called for that end.

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By Frank Robotka of Iowa

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Fortunately we are never too old to learn it.

But just as there are people who try to gain Heaven by short cut routes, so there are people who are trying to gain the benefits of co-operation by short cut methods. They are reluctant to subject themselves to the rigid discipline necessary to become true co-operators. Co-operatives can be no more perfect than the people who participate in them. Yet, co-operatives must conscientiously strive for something which they regard as an ultimately attainable goal of perfection. The members, officers, directors and staff of co-operatives should take the view that they are temporarily custodians of the co-operative's character and that it is their responsibility to pass it on to the next generation as a better co-operative than it was when they took over the custody of it.

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The Canadian Legion are planning a social evening on April 14. If you want to buy something, sell something, or trade, try a want ad in this paper.

"Canada has in its midst some of the greatest young people in the world facing the future with courage." Lt. Col. Matthew Junk-

On Monday last Mr. C. L. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mac Holt hitched two teams on the family car and were towed through drifts until they reached the main road. From there they proceeded to the city and boarded a train that would take them far from Alberta snows to the sunny state of Arkansas where they plan to revel in sweet potatoes, cherry pie and all other Southern States' luxuries for a month or so.

Community Cook Book**Fruit Drops**

- 1 cup of brown sugar
- 2/3 cup of melted butter.
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon of water
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla
- 2 cups of flour
- 1 teaspoon of soda
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 1 1/2 cups raisins, dates and walnuts.

Bake in moderate oven until nice brown.

Mrs. Percy Miller.